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SUBJECT: FRENCH MISSION TO HANOI

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1. THE GOF HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE FRENCH DELEGATION TO VIETNAM HEADED BY QUAI SECRETARY GENERAL COURCEL WILL BE COMPOSED OF AMB. CLAUDE CHAYET, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE CONVENTIONS AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS (AND FORMER AMBASSADOR TO HANOI), JEAN NOIVILLE, DIRECTOR OF ASIAN AFFAIRS, AND JACQUES DUPUY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS FROM THE QUAI AND JEAN-YVES HABERER, CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AT THE FINANCE DIRECTORATE AND FRANCIS GAVOIS, DEPUTY-DIRECTOR OF THE DIRECTORATE OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS OF THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT QUAI VIETNAM DESK OFFICER PATRICK VILLEMUR IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE PARTY.

2. ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL RELEASES, THE MISSION IS CHARGED WITH DISCUSSING IN HANOI ALL PROBLEMS

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BETWEEN FRANCE AND VIETNAM; IT EXPECTS TO MEET WITH

INTERLOCUTORS FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR DISCUSSING THE SOUTH AS WELL AS THE NORTH OF VIETNAM. THE MISSION WILL ALSO PREPARE THE VISIT TO FRANCE OF PHAM VAN DONG AT THE INVITATION OF GISCARD.

3. AS THE JOURNALISTS NOTE, FRANCE HOPES TO LEGITIMIZE SOME REPRESENTATION IN SAIGON (A CONSULATE GENERAL) WHICH WILL HAVE ACCESS TO FRENCH CITIZENS AND PROPERTY IN SOUTH VIETNAM. HENCE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PRESENCE OF AMB. CHAYET. THE NEWSPAPERS NOTE THAT HANOI HAS RECOGNIZED THE USEFULNESS OF THE FRENCH REMAINING IN SOUTH VIETNAM, HAS PERMITTED THE FRENCH LYCEE TO REOPEN, AND HAS GIVEN VISAS FOR FRENCH DOCTORS TO REOPEN THE GRALL HOSPITAL. IN ADDITION, THE FRENCH WILL DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF AID TO THE SOUTH, IN PARTICULAR THE UNUSED AID GRANTED TO THE GVN FOR 1974/75.

4. COURCEL IS EXPECTED TO MEET THE LAO LEADERS WHEN HE STOPS OFF IN VIENTIANE ON HIS WAY BACK TO PARIS DECEMBER 2.

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